

WEATHER FORECAST

Fair to-day and probably to-morrow;
warmer to-morrow.

Highest temperature yesterday, 50; lowest, 37.
Detailed weather reports will be found on Editorial page.

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PRICE TWO CENTS

THREE CENTS
WITHIN 100 MILES
FOUR CENTS ELSEWHERESTILLMAN RESIGNS
AS HEAD OF BANK;
BOARD REJECTS IT

Brief Statement Announces
Unanimous Refusal at
Director Meeting to
Accept Action.

WIFE'S SIDE CONFIDENT

Her Attorneys Say Their
Evidence at Hand Is Suf-
ficient to Meet Oppo-
nent's Weapons.

ALIMONY HEARING TO-DAY

Principals Not Expected to At-
tend; Lawyers Reported to
Have Settled Money Mat-
ters Privately.

James A. Stillman tendered his
resignation yesterday as president
of the National City Bank. His resig-
nation was laid before the board of
directors of that institution, at least
twelve members of which body were
not present, and unanimously re-
jected.

When the board adjourned, Nathan
C. Lefstey, cashier of the bank, is-
sued the following statement:

"At the regular meeting of the board
of directors of the National City Bank
of New York, held to-day, the resig-
nation of Mr. Stillman as president
was tendered, to take effect imme-
diately; but the board unanimously
declined to accept it."

With the exception of the additional
fact that Mr. Stillman did not at-
tend the meeting, which information
was offered by Charles W. Rich, an
executive manager of the bank, nothing
more concerning the incident could
be ascertained.

May Fix Alimony Out of Court.

Every move Mr. Stillman's lawyers
are making to further his "strife to di-
vorce his wife is being made, if not
checked, by Mrs. Stillman's attorneys.

If, for example, the representatives of
the president of the National City Bank
find an excellent (and possible) to-
day to introduce into the hearing be-
fore Justice Morehouse in White
Plains any letter or letters Mrs. Still-
man may have written to Mr. Stillman
or any other person, Mrs. Stillman's
lawyers are ready to produce letters
that will offset such disclosures.

In the first place, there is a likelihood
that the proceedings in White Plains to-
day will be brief, formal and unim-
portant. On behalf of Mrs. Stillman,
John F. Brennan of Yonkers purposes to
ask that her alimony be increased to
\$120,000 a year, that she be awarded
\$25,000 counsel fees and that she be
granted custody of the child.

De Laureis, who is scheduled to ap-
pear for Mr. Stillman.

There was a report from the Court
House at White Plains last night that
the lawyers would announce this morn-
ing that they had agreed, privately, on
matters of finance and guardianship.
The story was accompanied by assur-
ances that the producer of the infor-
mation talked with authority. Justice Mor-
house declared that so far as he was
concerned there had been no change in the
programme.

It is altogether possible that the law-
yers will ask that the hearing be ad-
journed, saying that an amicable agree-
ment upon the matters involved has been
reached and that the decision of the
court will be unnecessary. Certain it is
that both sides are afraid to reveal their
hands at this early stage, and that un-
less Mr. Nicol is forced to such an ex-
pedient he will not precipitate a sure
hurricane by seeking to offer any letters
written by Mrs. Stillman to Mr. Still-
man, which letters, by the way, will be
declaimed inadmissible by Mr. Brennan,
inasmuch as they constitute confidential
communications between wife and hus-
band. Such communications are ex-
cluded as evidence by State statutes.

But, THE NEW YORK HERALD is in-
formed, Mrs. Stillman's lawyers are in
possession of letters written to Mrs.
Stillman, but not by Mr. Stillman, and
therefore admissible. The contents of
these letters were not revealed. One is
said to be a tender of a diamond ring
to Mrs. Stillman "be a sport and get
out of the life of a man who has no
further use for her." Who wrote the
letters was not learned, but representa-
tives of the wife of the banker smiled
easily when asked what they would do
if Mr. Stillman's lawyers started any-
thing.

"It is our opinion that Mr. Stillman's
lawyers are so sure that they will not
realize the task they have in hand," said
a person working in Mrs. Stillman's in-
terests. "We shall start nothing specu-
lative, but we have heard that they are
going to blow their little. We are doing
very nicely, thank you."

Mrs. Stillman's lawyers announced last
night that she would not appear at the
hearing to-day, and from an unques-
tionable source came information that
Mrs. Stillman's lawyers also do not
expect him to be present in court.

"His lawyers may appear and say
that he is simply able to pay any rea-
sonable amount the court may stipu-
late," this person said. "It is my judg-
ment that this will happen. It would
make unnecessary Mr. Stillman's ap-
pearance and the filing of papers. If
an argument can be avoided, well and
good; but if one cannot be avoided, we
shall off, a spade called a spade, and
lawyers, expecting to say little, may
say a great deal."

Justice Opposes Coasting Case.

More than anything else, the opposed
lawyers dread the possibility of any
documentary evidence becoming public
property. Should an argument come
to pass this morning it is wholly likely

France Makes Physical
Training Compulsory

PARIS, March 22.—The Cham-
ber of Deputies unanimously
adopted a bill to-day making
physical training compulsory for
young people of both sexes in
France. Boys over sixteen years
of age must continue physical
training, consisting of gymnas-
tics, running, tennis and other
athletics, according to choice,
until they are incorporated in the
army or navy. Girls in the pri-
mary and secondary tuition
grades must also adopt physical
culture, according to special
rules to be issued by the Min-
istry of Public Instruction.

SICK MAN BEATEN
IN HOME BY THUGS

Gets Out of Bed to Answer Call
of Robbers, Who Knock
Him Down.

UNCONSCIOUS FOR HOURS

Two Men Caught After Chase
In Motor Are Identified
by Furrier.

Charles W. James, 45 years old,
a furrier of 44 West Twenty-eighth
street, was attacked and robbed yes-
terday afternoon while he was in
his apartment on the third floor of 31
Tieman place, at Broadway and 127th
street. He got out of bed to answer a
ring at the door and two men en-
tered who made a pretense of dis-
cussing business.

James told the police he started to
sit down in a chair when one of the
men struck him with his own malacca
cane which was near the door. James
said he cried out. Another blow, this
according to the police, from a milt
can handle wielded by one of the rob-
bers, knocked him senseless and may
have fractured his skull.

The robbers took James' watch, an
amethyst ring, and his overcoat. They
brought him with torn bed sheets, and
then fled by the stairway. They were
seen going out by James Lyons, a gas
meter inspector, and Alfred Nelson, a
negro elevator operator. The latter
started in pursuit, and found Patrol-
man John Brown and Detective Andrew
O'Connor, who jumped into an automo-
bile. Two men pointed out by the
negro were arrested at Lexington
avenue and 125th street. They said
they were George Durrant, 630 St. Paul's
Place, The Bronx, and Allen Clark, 31
Manhattan avenue.

James remained unconscious late last
night and the two men were taken
before him. The police say he identi-
fied them as his assailants. James' con-
dition is critical.

Four young men were arrested last
night at Tenth avenue and Twentieth
street on a charge of looting the dry
goods store of Harry Pressman at 143
Eighty avenue early yesterday morn-
ing of goods valued at more than \$1,000.
The police said the defendants got in
by dropping through a skylight. They
were Richard McManus, 17, 246 West
Twenty-first street; Joseph Murphy, 17,
240 Eighth avenue; George, his brother,
16, and John Russo, 19, 229 West Nine-
teenth street. The loot was said to have
been found in Russo's room.

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FIND OLD MASTER
HANGING IN A CAFE
ON THE EAST SIDE

Experts Identify It Fran-
cia's 'Madonna and Child,'
Stolen in Bologna.

ITALIAN EMBASSY TOLD

Signor Ricci Asked to In-
vestigate Circumstances
of Its Recovery.

CAPT. TOZZI MAKES FIND

Artist and War Hero Believed
to Have Discovered the
Painting.

Signor Rolando Ricci, Italian Am-
bassador to Washington, has been
asked to investigate the circumstances
attending what purports to be the
recovery in this city of one of the
most valuable of "Old Masters" that
was stolen in 1919 from the walls of
the famous gallery in Bologna, Italy.

The painting, according to report,
was found in an unpretentious cafe
on the East Side whose conventional
habitués had no idea of the picture's
history or value. It is asserted to be
one of the most celebrated of the
"Madonna and Child" panels wrought
by a distinguished Italian artist who
died more than four hundred years
ago. The work is from the brush of
Francesco de Marco de Giacomo Rai-
bolini, who is known to art fame as
"Il Francia." Another "Madonna and
Child" by the same artist is included
in the J. P. Morgan collection, and
still a third hangs in the Metropolitan
Museum of Art.

Though the identity of the painting
found here with that purloined from
the Bologna gallery has not yet been con-
clusively established, excellent judges
who were perfectly familiar with the
Italian art treasure have pronounced the
New York find none other than the long
lost painting which has been sought in
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Navy Abolishes Midnight
Lunches for Deck Hands

WASHINGTON, March 22.—
Men on the decks of the
navy's fighting craft throughout
the world received a rude jolt
to-day when orders were received
from the department abolishing
the midnight lunch that had been
served to the deck watches on all
ships since the beginning of the
war.

The midnight lunch had been
the exclusive prerogative of the
engineer force from time im-
memorial until the world war.
When the war came and the sub-
marine menace forced the deck
divisions to stand long watches
day and night the midnight
lunch was authorized for all
hands.

Recent legislation, based on
the theory that the war is over
as far as submarine watches are
concerned, forced the abolish-
ment of the welcome "Java and
goldfish" for the deck forces.

AMERICAN LEGION
OUSTS ANDERSON

Rhine Horror Speech Results
in Trial and Action by N. Y.
County Chapter.

ACCUSED MAN IS ABSENT

Sends Letter Denying Juris-
diction—Says His Post
Had Disbanded.

Alexander E. Anderson, formerly a
Lieutenant-Colonel in the 165th In-
fantry of the Forty-second Divi-
sion, was expelled from the American
Legion last night after the executive
committee of the New York county
organization of the legion had found
him guilty of actions "prejudicial to
the interests, principles and reputa-
tion of the American Legion" by ap-
pearing and making a speech before
the Horror of the Rhine meeting in
Madison Square Garden on the night
of February 28.

The executive committee met as a
court-martial in the Pennsylvania
Hotel, with H. W. Buxton as presi-
dent of the court, and after hearing
evidence reported a unanimous ver-
dict of guilty and voted that Mr. An-
derson be expelled from the legion.

The action of the executive com-
mittee will be reported to the State and
national organizations of the legion,
but their confirmation of the verdict
will not be necessary to Mr. An-
derson's expulsion.

Mr. Anderson was not present, having
declined to attend the trial; instead he
sent a letter by messenger, Edward B.
Scanlan, in which he denied that the
legion had any control over him or juris-
diction in the premises, on the ground
that the Sixty-ninth Regiment Post of
which he was a member, had disbanded
and withdrawn from the legion on De-
cember 15, 1920. His letter said:

"I desire to inform the executive com-
mittee of the American Legion New York
county committee, through you as
chairman, that I am without the juris-
diction of the American Legion, its by-
laws, rules or action, for the reason
that on December 15 the Sixty-ninth Re-
giment, Rainbow Division, Post 435, by
the approval and consent of its members,
ceased to exist as a post of the Ameri-
can Legion.

"At that time the post was not in-
debted to the national, State or county
organization, and no one has paid or
offered to pay dues for 1921."

The receipt of that letter and the
testimony of Scanlan to the effect that
the statements contained in it were true
brought up the question of jurisdiction,
which the court was compelled to set-
tle before going ahead with the trial.

At the close of the deliberation the
court decided, by a vote of all the mem-
bers, that the Sixty-ninth Re-
giment Post had not notified the proper
legion authorities of its disbanding, and
that, therefore, officially, it still existed,
though in arrears so far as dues are
concerned.

The taking of testimony was then
begun, the first witness being James M.
Blackwell, formerly a major in the 38th
Infantry, who attended the meeting at
the Garden. His testimony dealt with
the speech of Mr. Anderson and its re-
ception by the crowd of Germans and
other sympathizers who filled the audi-
torium.

The charges against Mr. Anderson go
into detail as to the reasons why his
actions at the Horror of the Rhine
gathering were prejudicial to the inter-
ests of the American Legion, covering sev-
eral typewritten pages with the various
counts. Statements made by him in his
speech and other statements made by
him in newspaper interviews were the
basis of the charges. In order that he
might be assured fair play the court
appointed Thomas J. Brady, a member
of the executive committee, as his
counsel.

COTTONS OUT CIVIL WAR BULLET

LANETT, Ala., March 22.—V. V.
Meadows, seventy-eight years old,
of this place, veteran of the Civil War,
and shot in the eye in the battle of
Vicksburg July 1, 1862, to-day coughed
out the bullet, and is in his usual good
health, despite the fact he had carried
the slug weighing approximately one
ounce in his head for fifty-eight years.

Capt. Tozzi Tells Embassy.

Capt. Tozzi, when he was seen at the
Vanderbilt, where he has a studio, ad-
mitted that he had no doubt the genuine
Francis Madonna had been found. He
declined to make public at present any
details of how, where and by whom it
had been found, however. He had placed
the facts, he said, in the hands of the
Italian Ambassador, and to make them
public here without first having con-
sulted the Ambassador in the matter,
he thought would be discourteous and
improper. With the aid of the em-
bassy, he added, he would gladly later
tell the story in detail, and he intimated
that it would be an extraordinary one.

The distinguished Italian captain, who
is both painter and critic himself, is be-
lieved to be the man who first identified
the treasure in its obscure surroundings,
though he would not admit as much last
night. One of the few men whom he
had taken into his confidence was Bry-
son Burroughs, director of the depart-
ment of painting of the Metropolitan
Museum of Art. Capt. Tozzi called on
Mr. Burroughs last Monday and told
him the story. Mr. Burroughs, it is un-
derstood, is not a member of the Ameri-
can Legion.

Continued on Ninth Page.

BOLSHEVISM DEAD
FOREVER, ESTHONIA
LEADER DECLARES

'Herald' Reports From Two
Other Sources Confirmed
by Minister at Reval.

VITAL POINTS Y